

Amendments to the Claims :

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. (currently amended) A stabilized drug delivery system for proton pump inhibitors ~~which comprises~~ comprising a benzimidazole compounds compound or ~~their salts~~ a salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable ~~excipients~~ excipient in powder form, which is reconstitutable in a parenterally acceptable solvent to form an injectable solution.

2. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the said salts of Rabeprazole may be~~ salt is in the form of alkaline metal ~~salts~~ salt or alkaline earth metal ~~salts~~ salt.

3. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in ~~claims 1 and~~ claim 2, wherein ~~the said alkaline metal salts may be~~ is sodium or potassium.

4. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in ~~claims 1 and~~ claim 2, wherein ~~the said alkaline earth metal salts may be~~ is calcium or magnesium.

5. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the said~~ system comprises Rabeprazole sodium, mannitol, alkaline compounds and water for injection.

6. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said system is ~~preferably~~ in the form of a stabilized lyophilized injection.

7. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~the~~ said alkaline compound is sodium hydroxide.

8. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~to~~ 7, wherein the pH of ~~the~~ said system is between 9 - 11.

9. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~to~~ 8, wherein the said ~~Rabeprazole~~ benzimidazole compound ~~in the said reconstitutable powder form~~ is present in the range of 8% to 77%, ~~preferably 19—62%~~ by weight of the total composition.

10. (currently amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~to~~ 8, wherein the said ~~Mannitol~~ excipient ~~in the said reconstitutable powder form~~ is present in the range of 19% to 88%, ~~preferably 19—62%~~ by weight of the total composition.

11. (delete)

12. (currently amended) The drug delivery system for proton pump inhibitor prepared by process as claimed in claim ~~14~~ 18.

13-14. (delete)

Please add the following claims:

15. (new) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the benzimidazole compound or the salt thereof is Rabeprazole or its salt.

16. (new) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the said benzimidazole compound is present in the range of 19 - 62% by weight of the total composition.

17. (new) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the said excipient is present in the range of 30% - 88% by weight of the total composition.

18. (new) A process for preparation of the said drug delivery system comprising the steps of

(a) dissolving sodium hydroxide in Water For Injection to adjust the pH above 12.0 to form a solution;

(b) adding Mannitol and Rabeprazole sodium to said solution while maintaining the pH of the said solution;

(c) making up the volume with water for injection;

(d) filtering the said solution aseptically through 0.22 μ filter paper;

(e) filling the said filtered solution in previously sterilized 10ml vials;

(f) maintaining the temperature of the injectable solution at 10°C \pm 2°C throughout the process;

- (g) loading the vials into lyophilizer after partial lounching; and
- (f) lyophilizing the solution to obtain a powder form the drug delivery system which is reconstitutable in a parenterally acceptable solvent to form an injectable solution.